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TRANSMISSION MECHANISM FOR DRIVING A PICKER

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2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 10-40616, published February 13, 1998.
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 7-334910, published December 22, 1995.
4. U.S. Patent No. 4,629,337 issued December 16, 1986.

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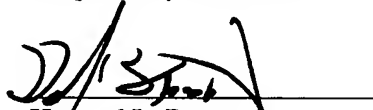
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